

The activities on the Women's Network were three-fold during 2018/19. First, the organisation of a roundtable at the ECC 2018 at Lugano. This was a well-attended panel on entitled #Metoo in Academia:

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In contrast to high profile cases in the cultural industries there has been as yet remarkably little attention paid in public to the subject of sexual violence and harassment in universities and indeed to broader issues of gender inequality and discrimination in academia. Across Europe very little is known, for instance, about the gender composition of the communication field and gender inequalities that may exist at institutional level and beyond. The roundtable offered the opportunity to share experience, coping and success strategies and set the agenda for future network activities.

Chair:

Irena Reifová, Czechia

Speakers:

M.J. Silveirinha - University of Coimbra, Faculdade de Letras - Dpto Filosofia, Coimbra, Portugal.

A. Jelen-Sanchez - University of Stirling, Stirling, United Kingdom.

S. Kannengiesser - University of Bremen, Center of Media - Communication and Information Research, Bremen, Germany.

T. Pavlickova - Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prague, Czechia.

Second, the organisation of elections for a new management committee after the resignation of the outgoing committee. Two management teams stood for election. The results were announced on 21st December 2018:

The Management Team led by Ayşegül Kesirli, Arianna Mainardi, Jolien Van Keulen were victorious with 35 votes. The Management Team led by Martina Topić, Natalia Papí, Alejandra Hernández received 17 votes with 5 abstentions.

Third, since their election the new management committee have been working on an action plan to increase the visibility of the Women's Network within ECREA. New objectives for the network have been drafted, items promoting the activities of the network have been written

for the ECREA newsletter, and events have been planned for the forthcoming year. Planning is underway to make the activities of the Women's network highly visible during the ECC in Braga in 2020.